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1. At 0830 hours on 25 February four Chinese Communist 200-ton steel-hulled gunboats and three motor junks engaged the Chinese Nationalist motor junks in the Wuch'iu (N 25-00, E 119-28) area. The junk caught fire south of Wuch'iu and was abandoned when the ammunition exploded. The junks were moored at Little Wuch'iu.

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2. At 0930 hours there was no trace of junk and her troops were in the water. Two steel-hulled landing craft and five large motor junks were moored at P'inghai (N 25-12, E 119-16) and Chinese Communist gunboats and motor junks were in Meichou Bay.

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3. At 1130 hours junk was hit and 10 men were wounded. At 1230 hours junk guided by an AL-6, rescued four men from the water near the sunken junk but about 60 men were lost.

4. At 0845 hours on 26 February four small landing craft, eight motor junks, and ten sail junks were moored at P'inghai and one steel-hulled gunboat was in Meichou Bay.

5. At 1200 hours two Chinese Communist landing craft, three 200-ton steel-hulled gunboats, and two motor junks were heading south from Ch'ungwu (N 24-54, E 118-56). The Chinese Nationalist motor junks were heading south eight miles east of the Chinese Communist vessels.

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